

FOREST CITY BOROUGH MINUTES

MONDAY JULY 6th, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: (President Obelenus)

President Obelenus called the meeting to order at 6:00 p. m. He welcomed everyone. He then asked everyone to join in the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

ROLL CALL:

President Obelenus, V.P. Scalzo, Council members Michael Norella, Tracey Lazier, Donna Gasper, John Zasik Secretary/Treasurer Dennise Yankauskas, Secretary Cindy Stone, Mayor Cost, Solicitor McAndrew. Councilwoman Lazier had a conflict at work and came to the meeting at 6:30. Absent was Councilwoman Lynch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (President Obelenus)

No announcements

PUBLIC COMMENT: (President Obelenus)

John Kameen asked approximately how many rental inspections were done, President Obelenus said he would have the number for him next meeting. Glen Matos stated there were a couple of decipsicy in the Ordinance for ATV/UTV and that he gave the issues to the Mayor. Council said they will go over everything before the vote to advertise.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION: (V.P. Scalzo)

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve regular meeting minutes from June 1st, 2026. Councilman Zasik made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gasper, roll call vote was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked motion to approve June 15th, 2026 minutes. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gasper, roll call vote was all in favor.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to approve June 2026 Treasurer report. V.P. Scalzo made the motion, seconded by Councilman Zasik, roll call was all in favor.

President Obelenus stated he went the PSAB and spoke with Diversified Technology and will have a meeting later on the sewer billing software.

President Obelenus asked for a motion to purchase \$5,770 worth of merchandise for the 250th American celebration out the borough General Fund with the stipulation that all proceeds will reimburse the General Fund with any remaining money to go into the Special Events Account. The total cost was \$ 7,560.00. Councilwoman Gasper asked how much is it a guarantee that all merchandise will sell. President Obelenus stated that he sure that 90% will sell. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gasper, roll call vote was 3 yah, 2 nah.

Fred Ciciloni had T. Thompson from the Progress Authority speak about they will help to bring in business into the town and anything we need help with.

President Obelenus will have an executive session on what the PSAB has to offer council after tonight’s meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS: (V.P. Scalzo)

The Public Works report for June 2026 was offered. V.P. Scalzo also stated recycling donations for the month of June was \$350.00. V.P. Scalzo stated Public Works was able to unplug the flooding problem at the old Francski Lumber building.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: (Michael Norella)

No updates

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COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (Tracey Lazier)

President Obelenus spoke about the mural's that are starting to go up on some of the building in town. First one was completed on Zazzera's Market Center Street side. One is going up on Katie Zefran's building, the old house of flowers shop on the exit side of the Honesdale National Bank. President Obelenus mentioned a couple more to come.

PARKS & RECREATION: (Michael Norella)

Councilman Norella stated are now accepting applications for the upcoming vendor markets for September at Kennedy Park. Applications can be found on the borough website or in the borough office. The park is open for the summer season. Councilman Norella stated the chicken bbq tickets are now on sale for August 2nd, 2026 @ \$15.00. Councilman Norella reminded everyone kiddie day is on July 12th, 2026 @ noon at Kennedy Park. Councilman Norella stated that the Baseball/Softball Organization was looking for help with field improves that was just about \$7,000 and the Secretary/Treasurer spoke up and stated that she sees the number day in and day out and that her advice would be not to do so because the funds are very low.

COMMUNITY SAFETY & HEALTH: (John Zasik)

No updates

CODE ENFORCEMENT (Eileen Lynch)

President Obelenus read the code enforcement report for June 2026. President Obelenus stated that 501 Main Street permit was pulled that the work was starting, also on 424 Delaware Street the same. Councilwoman Gasper questioned the permit as to why a permit was not issued to sewer lateral work that her property was involved with. Councilman Norella stated because it was an emergency that they didn't need a permit.

MAYOR'S REPORT: (Mayor Nick Cost)

Mayor Cost asked if anyone had questions about the Police report for the month of June? Mayor Cost asked for a motion for the Salvation Army would like to use the concession stand for July 8th, and August 5th, 2026 for their distribution boxes. Councilman Norella made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gasper, roll call was all in favor.

Mayor Cost mentioned the fishing derby is coming up on August 2nd, 2026 and there will be different age brackets. Mayor Cost also mentioned the Police are hosting a National Night Out on August 4th, 2026 from 5 – 8 @ Kennedy Park, they will be looking for donations and volunteers.

Mayor Cost received complaints about motor scooter on the sidewalk, they are not to be on the sidewalk, also there is a law now that cellphone use while driving is against the law. Mayor Cost is trying to get a pharmacy to come to town and will keep us updated on that.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: (Solicitor McAndrew)

Solicitor McAndrew stated two new liens, but no new lien letters. There is one old account that we got an offer to settle, so Secretary Stone and Solicitor McAndrew are working removing the penalty and interest on the account.

Solicitor McAndrew went over Ordinance 530 that focused on ATV/UTV about laws, the ordinance needed some wording changed. The hold-up is RTE 247 with the State if there are allowed on a state road and the difference between ATV/UTV and motor bikes. Mayor Cost gave some rules about helmets, insurance purpose and driver licenses. The trail club was contacted about help with the ordinance. They will discuss with council and the State about advertising it. Councilwoman Gasper made the motion to advertise the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Norella, all in favor.

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Solicitor McAndrew spoke with Vandling Borough Tax Collector about the mortgage company paying the sewer/trash bill when it's on the taxes. Solicitor McAndrew will speak with the borough's tax collector about added compensation for the sewer/trash bill being on the taxes so it can be added to the ordinance. Solicitor McAndrew spoke about amending the zoning ordinance about Data Centers and Solar Farms and will hold a Public Hearing on August 11th, 2026 @ 6 p. m. President Obelenus stated the GFCBI requested that council change the zoning on their property to turn into residential zone. More updates to come in the future.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: (Various Council Members)

Mayor Cost has not heard from PennDot about the sidewalk issue. President Obelebus and Mayor Cost will visit KBA to see what the hold-up is with PennDot. There were some questions about the cost is from when the project started to now. Councilman Zasik asked Mayor Cost about the issue in front of Hornbeck's and the Mayor stated he is waiting for an estimate and then will go after PPL.

NEW BUSINESS: (Various Council Members)

No updates

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT:

A resident asked about the 400-500 block and President Obelenus stated it is an uphill project. There was some issue with KBA with PennDot as some paperwork has not been handed in. Mayor Cost as a call into Senator Baker. KBA is the major problem.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: (President Obelenus)

President Obelenus stated Trail Town Days Committee is meeting July 23rd, 2026 to get everyone is on the same page. Next scheduled regular meeting will be August 3rd, 2026 on the third floor of borough building at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

V.P. Scalzo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Zasik 7:15 p.m.